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LATEST NEWS

CBP Commissioner Thanks Early Adopters of ACE

On January 29, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowski released an acknowledgement letter to the trade community for their investment in making the transition to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). CBP appreciates the trade's support of ACE and encourages everyone who has not yet done so to begin filing transactions in ACE.

To view [Commissioner Kerlikowski's Letter](#), please visit the "[ACE and Automated Systems](#)" page of [CBP.gov](#) and scroll down to the "What's New with ACE? Section. You may also click on the hyperlinks provided.

New Explanatory Information Concerning the Mandatory Use Dates for Filing Transactions in ACE

CBP has launched an ACE Mandatory Use Dates page to CBP.gov. This new page provides additional explanatory information regarding the three dates for the mandatory transition of electronic filings in ACE. This information also includes a list of the Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) whose forms must be submitted on November 1, and the mechanism by which they must be submitted.

For more information, please visit the "[ACE Mandatory Use Dates](#)" page of [CBP.gov/ACE](#). To access the [ACE November 1 PGA Forms List](#) and the [PGA Pilot Schedule](#), please click on the hyperlinks provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 9, 2015
1:00 - 2:30 P.M. ET*
Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) Webinar: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Apr 14, 2015
9:00 - 11:00 AM ET*
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Trade Outreach Session

*Visit the "[BIEC Outreach Calendar](#)" and "[ACE Outreach Events for Trade](#)" pages on [CBP.gov/ACE](#) for more details about upcoming events, including registration information.

MORE ACE INFORMATION

→ Visit www.cbp.gov/ACE

→ Subscribe to the [Cargo Systems Messaging Service \(CSMS\)](#) for email updates

→ [ACE Development/Deployment Schedule](#)

→ [ACE Training](#)

→ [List of ABI Vendors, including those certified to file entry summaries in ACE](#)



Mandatory use of ACE
for all electronic
manifest filing



Mandatory use of ACE for all
electronic cargo release and
related entry summary filing



Mandatory use of ACE for all
remaining electronic portions
of the CBP cargo process

ACE CARGO RELEASE UPDATE

On March 31, 2015, CBP announced that all airports, ocean, rail, and inland (in-bond) ports are now accepting ACE Cargo Release transactions. Truck processing ports will be ready for ACE Cargo Release on April 13th, 2015. Below are the dates when ACE Cargo Release became fully operational by processing port:

- February 23, 2015 - all airports
- March 23, 2015 - all ocean ports
- March 30, 2015 - all rail ports
- April 13, 2015 - all truck ports

For those filers who are not set up for ACE Cargo Release:

1. Please check with your software vendor to ensure that they are certified for ACE Cargo Release.
2. Once your software vendor has advised that you are ready to file ACE Cargo Release, please contact your assigned ABI Client Representative.
3. Once you have spoken to your ABI Client Representative you may begin to file ACE Cargo Release transactions.

Helpful links for ACE Cargo Release:

- [Cargo Release Capabilities by Mode](#)
- [Instructions for Submitting Docs to CBP in Support of ACE Cargo Entries](#)

Please note that Remote Location Filing (RLF) and Partner Government Agency (PGA) data submissions are not yet eligible for ACE Cargo Release. For more information on the ACE Cargo Release Status Update, please refer to [CSMS# 15-000198](#), or you may visit the [“ACE Features”](#) page of CBP.gov.

CHANGES TO ACE REPORTS PREFERENCES SETTINGS

On March 14, 2015, CBP deployed a required software update to ACE Reports. This update installed a new version of the Business Objects, Business Intelligence (BI) application. As a result of the BI upgrade from version 4.0 to 4.1, users will experience a slight renaming of the Web Intelligence preferences options. The differences between BI 4.0 and 4.1 are displayed in the table and screen captures below.

Web Intelligence	Options	
	BI 4.0	BI 4.1
View	Web	HTML
	Rich Internet Application	Applet
	Desktop (Windows only)	Desktop (Rich Client, Windows only, installation required)
	PDF	PDF
Modify	Web	HTML
	Rich Internet Application	Applet
	Desktop	Desktop (Rich Client, Windows only, installation required)

TIP OF THE MONTH

Revoking User Access in the ACE Secure Data Portal

All Trade Account Owners and Proxy Trade Account Owners are reminded of the need to revoke user access privileges when someone leaves your company. Failure to revoke access privileges could result in the user accessing your account information as an employee of another company. To revoke user access, please follow these simple steps below:



- Select the “Tools” tab
- Click on **User Access**
- Your list of users displays. Click on the user’s **last name** link in the “Last Name” column
- A screen displays showing the user’s Top Account information
- Click on the **Select and Continue** button
- The User Access portlet displays with the user’s details. Select the “Continue” button
- The User Access portlet displays with additional options. Select the “Revoke Access button”

For more information on ACE Portal User Access, please visit the [“ACE Portal Training Resources”](#) page of [CBP.gov/ACE](#), and download a copy of the [“Manage User Access”](#) user guide. You may also click on the hyperlinks provided.

REMINDER: ACE EBOND INFORMATION

On January 3, 2015, CBP launched capabilities in ACE to support electronic bond processing for Single Transition Bonds and Continuous Bonds. EBond is an electronic mechanism for the submission of Customs Bonds from a Surety or Surety Agent to ACE via Electronic Data Interface (EDI) to be stored and used for various downstream processes for which a bond is required. CBP can receive and validate Single Transaction Bonds, Continuous Bonds, and Bond Riders either received electronically from a Surety or Surety Agent, or received through the eBond Portal if sent to the Office of Administration for manual processing. In addition, CBP can now provide status updates electronically to sureties/surety agents and secondary notify parties.

The following chart provides the scenarios where eBond is required effective January 3, 2015:

Electronic Continuous and Single Transaction Bond data can now be filed in ACE eBond by a Surety. However, only certain transactions by Brokers can be filed against STBs stored in ACE eBond. For guidance on which transactions can be filed against a Single Transaction Bond in ACE eBond, see the graphic below.	
In what systems will your transactions be filed?	Type of STB to use
<i>Transactions that are filed entirely in ACE require an eSTB via ACE eBond:</i> + ACE Entry (Cargo Release) followed by ACE Entry Summary + ACE Entry Summary certified for ACE Cargo Release	 eBond
<i>Transactions that are filed partly or entirely in ACS require a paper STB:</i> - ACS Entry Summary Certified for ACS Cargo Release - ACS Entry Followed by ACE Entry Summary - ACS Entry followed by ACS Entry Summary - ACE Entry Summary Certified for ACS Cargo Release	 Paper

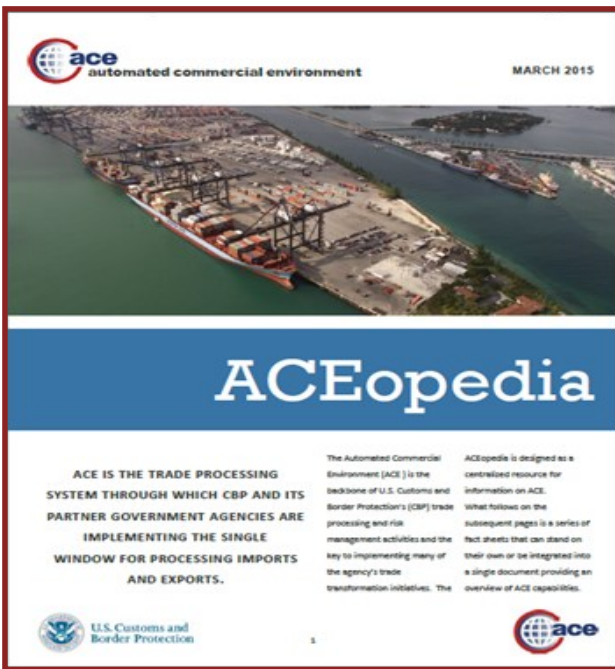
- All Continuous Bonds must be filed electronically via ACE eBond, or sent to the Office of Administration's Bond team for input into ACE.
- Electronic Single Transaction Bonds for ACE Cargo Release and corresponding ACE Entry Summary transactions require an eBond be filed in ACE by either a surety or surety agent electronically, or input by the Office of Administration's Bond team.
- Single Transaction Bonds issued for ACS Cargo Release and corresponding ACS or ACE Entry Summary transactions may not be filed in ACE via eBond. ACS Cargo Release and ACS Entry Summary filers may continue to use existing single transaction bond issuing methods today.

Feedback from users on ACE eBond has been extremely positive. In fact, sureties have reported to CBP confirmation of bonds being fully processed in ACE in as little as 30 seconds whereas the turnaround time prior to ACE eBond was three to five business days.

By building eBond, CBP has provided a single mechanism for the centralization of bonds. Other benefits include reduction of paper processing, expedited release of cargo, increased traceability of bonds for audit purposes and expansion of bond issuance to beyond regular business hours.

For more information on eBond, please visit the "[eBond](#)" page on CBP.gov/ACE or you may click on the hyperlink provided.

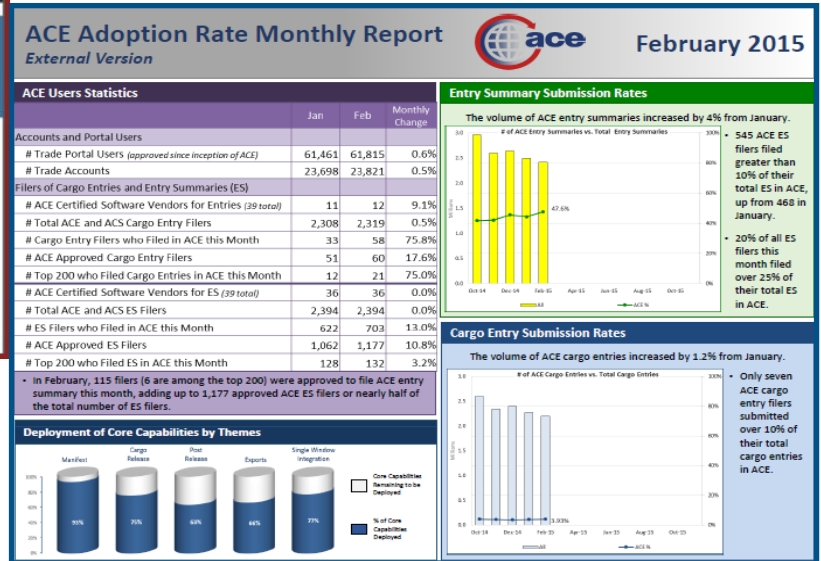
UPDATED ACE DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE ON CBP.GOV



CBP has posted updated versions of the ACE Eopedia and the ACE Adoption Rate Monthly Rate Report to CBP.gov/ACE.

The ACE Eopedia provides the trade community the following ACE information:

- Overview and program participation information
- Single Window implementation details
- Benefits by trade business process
- Current functionality and planned future development



The ACE Adoption Rate Monthly Report provides the trade community the following ACE information:

- Onboarding activity statistics
- Cargo release and entry summary submission rates
- Percentages of ACE deployed trade core processing capabilities

Also, the ACE Development and Deployment Schedule has been updated and posted to CBP.gov. The ACE Development and Deployment Schedule provides details on when upcoming capabilities will be developed and deployed in ACE, and contains a list of the changes made with the latest update.

To access the updated [ACE Eopedia](#), [ACE Adoption Rate Monthly Report](#) and [ACE Development and Deployment Schedule](#), please visit the “[ACE and Automated Systems](#)” page of CBP.gov/ACE, and scroll down to the “Publications” section at the bottom of the page. To download the documents directly, please click on the hyperlinks provided.

NEW ACE WEBINAR RECORDINGS AND PRESENTATION SLIDES AVAILABLE ON CBP.GOV

CBP has posted the 2015 ACE Software Developer Session materials and the ACE Air Import Manifest Webinar recording and accompanying webinar presentation slides to CBP.gov/ACE. The 2015 ACE Software Developer Session was postponed on February 27, 2015, due to a possible Government shut down. In an effort to continue providing ACE information, CBP held an *ACE Software Developer Webinar* on March 4, 2015, and rescheduled the on-site session to March 27, 2015, to present upcoming programming changes for new Partner Government Agency (PGA) functionality in ACE.

The ACE Air Import Manifest Webinar was held on March 9, 2015, to review requirements for filing ACE air import manifest functionality. As a reminder, less than two months remain before the May 2, 2015 transition of all Air Manifest Filings from the Automated Manifest System (AMS) into ACE Multi-Modal Manifest (MMM).

To access the 2015 ACE Software Developer Session materials, [ACE Air Import Manifest Webinar](#) recording and [presentation slides](#), please visit the “[2015 ACE Software Developer Session](#)” and “[ACE Outreach Events for Trade](#)” pages of [CBP.gov/ACE](#), or you may directly review these materials by clicking on the hyperlinks above.

COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ACE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

In support of the trade's transition to ACE, CBP has published a variety of ACE resources for the trade community, providing information on newly deployed capabilities, benefits and guidance on filing transactions in ACE.

ACE information resources include:

- Information graphics
 - [Getting Started with Entry Processing in ACE](#)
 - [ACE Resume](#)
 - [ACE Basics](#)
 - [ACE Entry Summary Filing](#)
 - [ACE via EDI vs. Portal](#)
 - [Importance of the Single Window](#)
 - New ACE features for ACE Deployment [A](#), [B](#), [C](#), and [D](#),
- Information notices and articles
 - ACE Deployment [A](#), [B](#), [C](#), and [D](#) [October 2014](#), [January 2015](#) releases
- Webpages on CBP.gov
 - [Getting Started with CBP Automated Systems](#)
 - [ACE Entry Summary Business Rules and Policy](#)
 - [2014 Trade Support Network Session](#)
 - [2015 ACE Software Developer Session](#) materials
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- Webinar recordings and presentation slides
 - [ACE 101](#)
 - [ACE Entry Summary Business Rules and Policy](#)
 - [Interacting with ACE: EDI and Portal](#)
 - [ACE eBond](#)

For more information about ACE, please visit the “[ACE And Automated System](#)” and “[ACE Features](#)” pages of CBP.gov. You may also send an email with ACE related questions to AskACE@cbp.dhs.gov.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I share a report with other users in my ACE Portal Account?

Yes. ACE Reports provides a “Shared Reports” folder that allows trade users to save and share standard and modified reports with other users of their ACE Portal Account. An Account specific folder is automatically created by ACE and housed in the “Trade” sub-folder and generated using your Top Account Company Name and ACE ID.

Do entry summaries paid on a daily statement appear in Account Revenue (AR) Reports?

No. Entry summaries flagged for payment type code 6, 7, or 8 and scheduled for Periodic Monthly Statement (PMS) will display in Account Revenue reports. Entry summaries flagged with a payment type code of 2,3, or 5 and scheduled on a daily statement will not appear in AR reports.

If I'm a self-filing importer, do I need to reapply for Periodic Monthly Statement to activate my filer code?

Yes. A self-filer will need to submit a new activation request to periodicstatement@dhs.gov and provide their filer code, Top Account ACE ID number associated to their ACE Portal Account and the ACE ID number associated to their filer code.